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Minden Hills Council

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~Rentals~

Rentals for the centre can be booked thru
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For the Third Year in a Row

Congratulations to *The Jimmys*, tournament Champions for the third consecutive year. The other teams — Hit for Brains, We've Got the Runs, Lisa's Daycare, and the Renegades all gave valiant effort. It was certainly a ~~warm~~ hot weekend. Tanner Hamilton and Baylie Leeking were this year's home run derby winners.

A big thank you to all the teams, players and spectators that braved the scorching sun to come out and made it another great weekend.

See everyone next year!

T SHIRTS

We originally had t-shirts made for the B.L.C.D. board members and volunteers to wear when we are 'out and about' with our displays and other events.

They show so well, we have been asked to sell to the general public. A small order in sizes medium, large & x-large.

These maroon shirts will be available at our Harvest Festival on Sept 23. More information on the Harvest Festival can be found on page **6**

WANTED— Apples

Regular and crab apples
Have extra to share?
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Another successful dinner! 187 persons enjoyed the various wild meats and fish prepared by Fred Simmons and his various assistants. Loonie Auctioneer Doug Pearson garnered a goodly sum from the generous crowd as he pedaled the items up for grabs. Nancy Payne provided the blessing before the meal. Denis Grignon had the crowd laughing with his wit. Special Thank You to all those that assisted with the preparations, serving & clean up, much appreciated.

Be sure to mark you 2018 calendar. Wild Game Dinner Event is always the third Saturday in July.

Madeleine Howarth was back in Irondale. Some of Madeleine's family brought her from winter home in Elmwood to her summer home in Irondale. She enjoyed a week of rest and relaxation. Of course, it is hard to keep Madeliene down ... she took in the Wednesday night Euchre at the Irondale Community Centre. I'm sure she had a ball stomping her opponents—with a smile of course. Since Madeleine would not be in Irondale for the regular potluck, the community gathered for a special dinner on Thursday August 10 to help her celebrate her August 28 birthday. She'll be **98 yr young!**

Looking forward to seeing you next summer Madeleine.

Rooted in Resilience

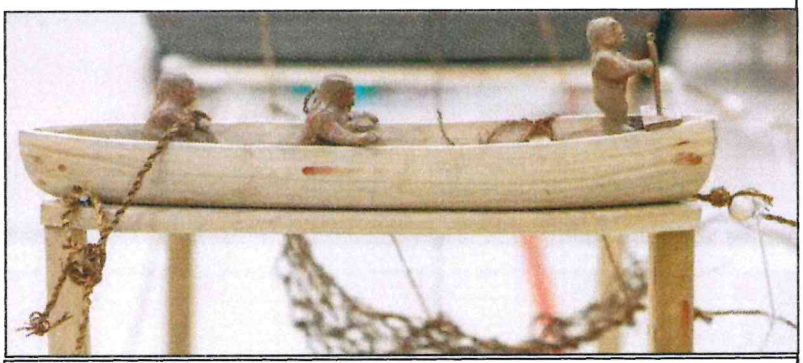
This year's sesquicentennial commemorations are a striking reminder that the story of Canada can be told in countless ways from many diverse perspectives. However, it is also clear that some stories are told more often than others. Popular histories of Confederation and the birth of the country are deeply rooted in the world views Europeans brought with them to North America. Their values, beliefs, and ideals, as well as their political, economic, and social systems are reflected in conventional accounts of the past. Yet these narratives aren't the only versions of events.

Long before Confederation, Indigenous peoples shaped the physical, political, and economic landscape of what we today call Canada. Their experiences attest to alternative versions of history. Their stories challenge what we know and believe about our past and offer valuable insights into the workings of contemporary Canada. Indigenous peoples in Canada are subject to Canada's laws, rules, borders, and policies. Yet many have held on to, and continue to carry out, their own governance-related procedures, rituals, and ceremonies.

These practices are often tied to sophisticated methods of managing resources as well as to their political relationships.

* For instance, the Iroquois confederacy's Great Law of Peace is an incredibly detailed history and oral constitution ....

- Centuries of colonization and harmful government policies such as residential schools, segregation and discrimination led to the erosion of traditional styles of governance. Yet all across the country, Indigenous communities continue to work towards ...



A model of people & canoes engages in ref-net fishing. Representation created by Nick Claxton & Saanich elders became a focal point for the curriculum of a school at Tsawout First Nation, British Columbia

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Read the rest of this fascinating story in the June-July 2017 issue of Canada's History.
www.canadashistory.ca/Explore/First-nations,-Inuit-Metis/Rooted-in-Resilience

A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

FUNDrive™ value village

From This ...

To This ...

THANK YOU to all of you that parted with your 'stuff'. It was a Whole lot of work Organizing and wrapping items to prevent breakage, etc. but we had some fun too.

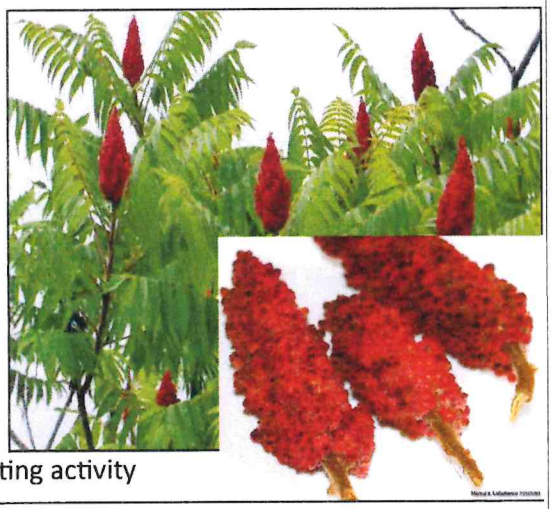
Thank you to Laurie Brown for use of her horse trailer, to Casey Cox for his truck to pull it and Mike Simmons for driving & unloading.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL DONATION DRIVE!

Staghorn Sumac is useful plant and it is an exceptionally beautiful red in the fall! Sumac was harvested in August, made into Sumac Jelly and SumacAde. You will be able to purchase jars of the jelly and sample the juice at the Family Harvest Festival on Sept 23.

Our Native ancestors knew sumac was full of natural vitamin C , used it to treat colds, fever and scurvy. The ground berries were mixed with clay as a poultice on sores and wounds and mixed with tobacco to smoke in their peace pipes .

Google 'Sumac' and you will find numerous websites to check out.



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Old Friends Reunite

Sunday hymns are just not the same without real live musicians. So, we were really tickled when Bill Witham and Gordon Smith offered to play one Sunday morning. The congregation was larger than usual that Sunday, everyone pleased with the efforts of these two men.

On another Sunday, we had some visitors to the area. Travelling with specific intent to visit the area they cottaged in years back ... the gentleman in the middle on the right was tickled to be chatting with Bill Witham again after all the years.

Editor's note: I got email addresses but neglected to get names.

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Witching

Some say it started with Moses (Numbers 20:9-11) *9"So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.*

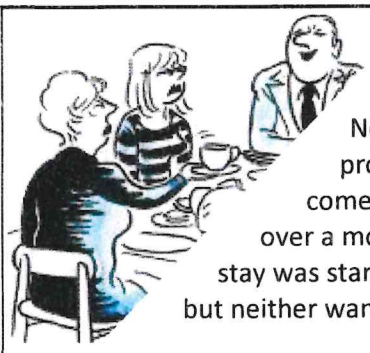
Some swear by the ancient Greeks. But the first written record of finding water with a forked twig is in Georgius Agricola's work, written in 1556 - *De re metallica.*

No matter what the origin, no matter what name - divining, dowsing or witching - finding water this way is practiced all over the world. Almost every area has someone with the capacity to 'witch for water' using a 'divining rod'. A piece of willow, cherry, even wire coat hangers can be used by those with 'the power'.

Scientific minded people will poopoo the possibility. Myself, I have seen it successful far too many times to not believe it is possible. My grandfather could do it, his hands over mine, with the bark twisting off in my hands. I've seen it used to locate sewer pipes at a resort, flushing the toilets all at once.

The stick/wire is held in both hands with palms down, thumbs turned in. The twig/wire spins in the hands as it is walked over the vein, and the forked stick pointed toward the ground.

Do you have a witching story to share with us? Can you dowse?



The Visitor

A young couple from Newfoundland had a bit of a problem. The wife's aunt had come to visit and had stayed for over a month. The aunt's prolonged stay was starting to get on their nerves, but neither wanted to say anything to her.

The couple thought of ways to put an end to the invasion of their privacy.

"I have an idea," said the husband one day, "Tonight at supper I'll say the food is overcooked and you say it's not cooked enough. We'll ask your aunt what she thinks, and whoever's side she takes, the other will say she's interfering and ask her to leave."

At the supper table that night, the man said, "The roast is burnt." "Burnt?" replied the wife. "Sure it's almost raw!"

Back and forth they went, in total disagreement. After a few minutes of this, the woman turned to her aunt and said "What do you think, Aunt Minnie, is the roast nearly raw or not?"

"I'm not getting involved in this argument," replied Aunt Minnie, "I've still got five months to live here."

Taken from 'Downhome Memories' available at shopdownhome.com

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POSTAGE HERO!

A Very Special
Shout Out goes to
Barb & Tina
On The Spot Variety

who donated the postage stamps for the entire September newsletter!
THANK YOU LADIES!

Thank You
Gerard Klompmaker
of Peterborough for keeping the furnace clean, running efficiently at the heritage building we know as the 'Irondale Church'

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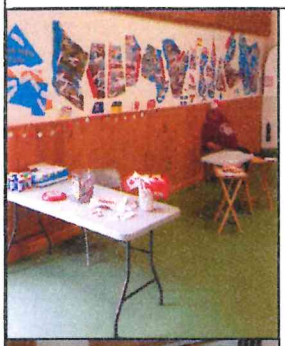
Condolences to the families of

William 'Bill' Dettman—June 6, 2017
Terry Hartin—June 18, 2017
Peter McCormick - June 23, 2017
Earl David MacDuff - July 9, 2017
Rick Mansfield - August 2, 2017
Edward Aylwin Sr - August 9, 2017
Betty Stephens - August 8, 2017

Those we love, don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear



We helped celebrate Canada Day in Gooderham.

The Bark Lake Cultural Developments were invited to participate in Highlands East's celebration of Canada's 150th birthday.

Linda's *Across Canada Trivia Contest* covered one wall of the Community Centre. A large cardboard replica of the Irondale Church was placed in one corner with interesting tidbits of information for visitors to read.

A couple tables sported fresh homemade butter tarts, sumac jellies, rice krispie maple leaves and pickled eggs all for sale to those visiting.

Bundles of past Irondale newsletters were picked up by many of those visiting the event. The Irondale & Gooderham pictures were run as a continuous slide show and had many people stopping to watch ... many pictures started conversations of 'remember when'.

The children were given the opportunity to decorate cookies or a small cake in the shape of a train. Our volunteers were kept busy at that table.

Congratulations to the Canada Day Trivia Contest winners -
Barbara Crowder from Potash and Gage Madill from Whitby.

'Local' Boy Wins Bronze

Gage Madill started Karate School in Whitby when he was seven years old. Now at the age of 13, he has competed at the Junior Pan American Karate Championships in Buenos Aires. Competition in Argentina took place late August. He competed at the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships in Quebec City and earned a bronze medal.
Gage was then invited to the Canadian junior team training camp, where he secured his spot in the 12-13 under-50-kilogram kumite division.

Gage is the 22nd athlete from Whitby's International Chito-Ryu Karate & Fitness school to make the Ontario team and the 12th to represent Canada on the international stage.

"Big Congratulations to Gage Madill on his 5th place finish at the Junior Pan American Championships in Argentina! Gage had four matches defeating Uruguay and Brazil before losing to Argentina in the semi final. Gage then fought Costa Rica for the Bronze medal. Gage finishes in 5th position in this elite competition that features only the top two karate competitors per Country from each age category per division. Gage trained very hard for this his first international championship. We are all very proud of you! The future looks bright! Sensei Ed"

Proud grandparents are Gordon & Ruby Madill of Gooderham and Ron Graham of Minden. Richard & Tanya Madill are Gage's parents. Karen Madill is his very proud Aunt.

Looking for more information on a healthier diet?
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Irondale Community Centre's Dinner

Saturday September 30 held at the Gooderham Community Centre
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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

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Sat. Sept. 23	**Irondale's Family Harvest Festival.** 11am to 4pm Vendors, BBQ, Prizes, Games, Displays, Tours - all on the Irondale Church property. Free Admission Join us for historical tours - - Iron Mine Tour 10:30 am - part of the Hike Haliburton Event (www.HikeHaliburton.com) - A Ghost Town. Really? 2:30 pm
Sat. Sept 30	Irondale Community Centre Dinner Doors open 5pm at Gooderham Community Centre. Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, dessert served at 6pm. Followed by the ever popular Loonie Auction. Tickets $20 each ... Call Barry Simmons at 705-447-2380 for more information
Sun. Oct. 8	**Thanksgiving Service** - 7pm at Irondale Church. Join us between main course and dessert, for the traditional service of thanks. You will feel better for it.
Sat. Nov 4	**Christmas Sale** in Wilberforce. 9am - 3pm Irondale will be there selling Christmas decorations, Teacher & hostess gifts, baked goods. Proceeds go to preserve Irondale's heritage
Sat. Nov. 11	**Hunter's Dinner** served at the Irondale Community Centre, offered from 5pm while supplies last. Menu to be determined, definitely NOT wild meat. $15 per person.
Sun. Nov. 26	**3rd Annual Christmas Artisan Market** 11am to 4pm at the Minden Community Centre. Join us for sandwich, soup & baked goods. B.L.C.D. will be operating the kitchen at the market as well as selling decorations, gifts, baked goods. Over 40 vendors for great gift ideas.
2018	
Sat. April 14	**Fish 'n Fowl Dinner**
Sat. June 9	**Haliburton County Fair** Visit us at the food booth for excellent Beef on a Bun, Peameal on a Bun, Hot dogs, Cold Drinks, and Giant Freezies.
Sat. July 21	**Wild Game Dinner Event**
Sat & Sun July 28 & 29	**Irondale's Ball Tournament** Teams vie for the coveted trophy and prizes. Great fun for the whole family. Registration info - centre@IrondaleOntario.ca, Chris James 705-447-2733
Sat. Sept 22	**Family Harvest Festival** Noon to 4pm Vendors, BBQ, Prizes, Games, Displays, Tours - all on the Irondale Church property. Free Admission

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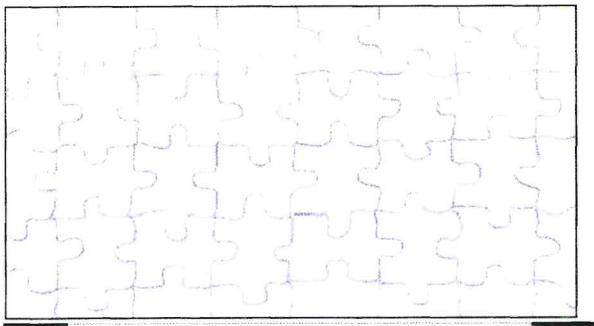

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